

Zechariah's Song (Luke 1: 68-79)

“Blessed are you, the Most High God of Israel, for you have visited and redeemed your people.

**You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of your servant David,**

as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones, the prophets of ancient times:

**salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes.**

You have shown mercy to our ancestors by remembering the holy Covenant you made with them, the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham,

**granting that we, delivered from the hands of our enemies, might serve you without fear, in holiness and justice, in your presence all our days.**

And you, my child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before our God to prepare the way for the Promised One, giving the people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins.

**Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring the Rising Sun to visit us, to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**